from time to time. The present prices of above said oil are as under:—

(MRP in Rs.)

	15 kg.	1kg.
Shankh refined cottonseed oil	605	42.00
Shankh refined mustered oil	540	37.00%

(e) The special features of Shankh vegetable oils are:

(i) Both the cottonseed and mustard oils are also packed in 1kg pouch to provide the consumer unadulterated and hygienic oil.

(ii) Prices are economical.

(iii) Cotton seed oil is rich in PUFA (Poly unsaturated fatty acid) which is considered good for health.

(f) and (g) Government has instructed the Hindustan Vegetable Oil Corporation Limited to maintain the Standards of the quality of this product and to publicise it to being about consumer awareness about the wholesomeness at economical price.

Demolition of hutmonts of Bhopal Gas Victims

*277. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the five member team of the Peoples' Union for Civil Liberties, describing the demolition of the hutments of Bhopal Gas Victims by anti-encroachements squads as illegal and inhuman;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether any relief would be provided to Bhopal Gas Victims affected by demolition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The matter concerns the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Capacity utilisation of Hindustan Cables Ltd.

*278. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the capacity utilisation in Hindustan Cables Ltd. fell substantially during 1990;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of fall in the capacity utilisation of HCL during 1990 and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the estimated loss suffered by HCL as a result thereof; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government to improve its capacity utilisation in 1991 to minimise the losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) During 1989-90 and 1990-91, the fall in capacity was 27% and 38% respectively, mainly due to shift in demand pattern of traditional products, severe competition and power restrictions.

(c) The loss sufftred by HCL during 1990-91 is estimated at Rs. 617 crores.

(d) With a view to improve capacity utilisation, Government have approved schemes for conversion of dry core cable capacity to jelly filled cable capacity, manufacture of joining kits and diversification into allied fields.

Production and price of fertilizers

*279. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of production of each type of fertilizer during

the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 with company-wise details;

(b) what was the retention price and sale price of each variety of fertilizers during the above period and what was the total subsidy paid to each company;

(c) whether several irregularities in determining the retention price, verification of production, and payment of subsidy were reported to Government;

(d) if so, what are the details and when and by whom were the irregularities originally detected;

(e) what action has been taken with regard to these irregularities including irregularities in the import price and purchases of baggage; and

(f) reason for continuing to provide subsidy even on those fertilizers for the production of which no major plant and machinery or manufacturing process is involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) A statement giving company-wise details regarding the amount of production of each type of fertilizers during the year 1989-90 and 1990-91 is enclosed as Annexure-I. [*See* Appendix CLIX, Annexure No. 42].

(b) A statement showing the plant-wise retention price of various types of fertilizers during 1989-90 (1-4-89) and 1990-91 (1-4-90 and 31-3-91) is enclosed as Annexure-II. [*See* Appendix CLIX, Annexure No. 42].

A statement showing the sale price of each type of fertilizers during 1989-90 and 1990-91 is enclosed as Annexure-III. [*See* Appendix CLIX, Annexure No. 42].

A statement showing subsidy paid to indigenous fertilizers units during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 is enclosed as Annexure-IV. [*See* Appendix CLIX, Annexure No. 42].

(c) to (e) Certain complaints regarding actual consumption of Rock Phosphate and Sulphuric Acid in the production of Single Super Phosphate (SSP), sub-standard quality of fertilizers produced, inflated and fraudulent claims of subsidy showing bogus manufacture and sale of SSP were received. These complaints were, by and large, received from State Governments or were reported in the press and occasionally from individuals. Such complaints are investigated and appropriate action taken in consultation with Fertilizer Industry Coordination Committee (FICC). Subsidy amount paid on sub-standard fertilizers has been recovered by FICC. One case of fraudulent claim of subsidy on SSP is under investigation by CBI. Consumption norms for manufacture of fertilizers based on which subsidy claims are determined, are also subject to periodic review.

As regards imports, the import of fertilizers is canalised through Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation (MMTC) which finalises the prices in their commercial judgement keeping in mind the various factors like demand, supply and prevailing international prices. Complaints of irregularity in the import of phosphoric acid and ammonia in 1989-90 were received and were referred to CBI.

In regard to purchase of jute bags made by the Central Purchase Committee for use by fertilizer companies in the public and cooperative sector, certain complaints were received and have been referred to the CBI. The Central Purchase Committee was abolished in January, 1990 and purchase of bags decentralised. Chief Executives of three companies who were associated with the Committee at the relevant time were also placed under suspension.

(f) Subsidy is payable on the production and sale of approved fertilizers. The fertilizers which are considered essential for boosting agricultural production are in the approved list. As a rule, their production requires substantial investment in plant, machinery and other assets. However, it is possible to produce Single Super Phosphate in the small scale sector on limited investment through buying, rather than captive production of Sulphuric Acid. There are

26 such small scale SSP units in the country producing approximately 3 lakh tonnes of SSP per year. Subsidy on production in these units is paid as per approved norms.

AIR Sub-Station at Chandrapur, Maharashtra

*280. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned an All India Radio Sub-station at Chandrapur in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what is the amount incurred so far for the purpose;

(c) what is the progress of the station and by when it is likely to be commissioned; and

(d) what is the sanctioned strength of staff for this station stating the details in this regard, categorywise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 2 crores 19 lakhs and 34 thousands has been incurred so far on this project.

(c) The Radio Station at Chandrapur is technically ready for being commissioned into service. The process for posting of the staff has been commenced and the Radio Station is envisaged to be commissioned as soon as the minimum essential staff required for operation and maintenance of the Station is in position.

(d) 48 posts have been sanctioned for operation and maintenance of the Station. The category-wise details are given in the statement laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Sl. No.	Designation	Classification	No. of posts
1	2	3	4
1	Station Director	GCS Group 'A'	1
2	Station Engineer	IB(E)S Group 'A'	1
3	Programme Executive	GCS Group 'B'	3
4	Farm Radio Officer	GCS Group 'B'	1
5	Production Assistant (in the Grade of TREX)	GCS Group 'C'	1
6	Assistant Editor (F&H)	GCS Group 'C'	1
7	Transmission Executive	GCS Group 'C'	3
8	Assistant Engineer	GCS Group 'B'	1
9	Senior Engineering Assistant	GCS Group 'B'	2
10	Engineering Assistant	GCS Group 'C'	6
11	Senior Technician	GCS Group 'C'	1
12	Technician	GCS Group 'C'	3
13	Diesel Technician	GCS Group 'C'	1
14	Helper	GCS Group 'D'	1